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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED APRIL 10, 2006

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 10, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 10, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 / ROC920030181US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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